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WELS Lutherans for Life

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Showing Christ's Love includes the whole family

*"Showing
Christ's
Love"*

If you're a parent, you know how someone showing love to your child makes you feel. Each day at the center we pray that God gives us opportunities to show Christ's love. One recent day these were the wonderful opportunities at WLFL to "Show Christ's Love."

Early in the day, it was reaching a mom with an ultrasound of her baby and education about fetal development. "Showing Christ's Love" can touch the lives of the precious preborn. Sometimes ultrasounds can move the hearts of moms to preserve their little ones' very existence.

Later in the day an advocate ministered to a mom, patiently listening and encouraging "Showing Christ's love" included running snacks to her children in the atrium.

Near the end of the day, "Showing Christ's Love" meant giving a mom a break while she received diapers, clothes, and the opportunity to get a car seat through our parenting program. "Showing Christ's Love" was demonstrated by entertaining her children with books—which they got to take home—and a dance party that included music from the "Peanuts" movie. (For transparency's sake, we admit the kids had dance moves superior to those of the adults.)

"The King will reply, 'Truly I tell you, whatever you did for one of the least of these brothers and sisters of mine, you did for me.' Matt 25:40

These opportunities are possible only because you, our donor, care enough to support this ministry. Thank you!



"Protecting a child's right to live and be loved by loving moms and dads."

Privileged to Be a Witness

A key part of volunteer training is shadowing experienced volunteers. Here, you get a peek into the experience from the perspective of one volunteer in training.

I had a most exciting experience during one of the days I was training to become a volunteer.

Cara, a young woman in college, came in for an ultrasound appointment. During the intake process, she revealed that last year she had experienced a miscarriage.

Considering the pain she suffered, *Cara* and her fiancé weren't sure how this was all going to work out, but she wanted to keep the baby.

While *Cara* "met" her baby she is carrying for the first time, she was lovingly cared for by two nurturing women and me, a novice to this most vital work.

I smiled with awe and joy as I saw *Cara's* second-trimester baby appear on screen. What a privilege to see this active, preborn child through the amazing technology of ultrasound!

I said a prayer of thanks to our Lord for allowing me to witness the miracle of new life and to see first-hand the wonderful work of being a volunteer at LFL.

If the Lord is moving you to consider volunteering, contact us to find out how. Thank you!

"I said a prayer of thanks to our Lord."



One of the unique things about WELS Lutherans for Life is the relationships formed with our clients.

Angel is her real name, and as we became acquainted with her, we realized how fitting her name is. She would do anything for anyone!

One day, when *Angel* was shopping at Walmart, she saw an amazing sale on children's socks. Despite her limited assets, she joyfully, bought hundreds of toddler socks. She nearly cleared out the shelves. *Angel* donated them to benefit other parents and families that we serve.

Isn't that the very essence of our work? *Angel* is really a part of our ministry, more like a co-worker than a client. This is a beautiful thing about our bond with *Angel* and some of our other clients and their families.



From 3rd Quarter of 2022

Show how special people are or how their lives have touched yours. Send a gift in memory of someone who entered eternal life or honor someone for a milestone (*birthday, baptism, adoption, anniversary, confirmation, graduation, etc.*). Each gift is gratefully acknowledged and noted in future Sacred Trust issues.

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Our grandchildren - Keller, Teagan, and Myla
Grandson - Evan's birthday
Mr. & Mrs. Steve Grath's 50th wedding anniversary
18 grandchildren
Dave & Leanne Ross' 50th wedding anniversary
Our 6 children
Marvin Rosenau 90th birthday
Solomon & Callista Carlson's birthdays
Viola Georgson's 92nd birthday
Scott & Rebecca Klitzke's wedding anniversary
Ben & Renee Carlson's wedding anniversary
Healthy grandchildren - Callista, Camille & Solomon
Peter & Rose Georgson's wedding anniversary
Candy Bohme
Sue Braun
Wendy Brewer
Jean Curtis
Sue Dibb
Karen Fockel
Sarah Guenther
Karen Matulis
Carol Nelson
Cindy Proeber
Christine Raabe
Carrie Rynders
Cindy Thiel
Donna Ward
Janel Willms
Terry Woody

Carol Gallepp
Jacqueline and Michael Hanson
Carol Rohleder
Bill and Karleen Liedtke
Luanne Burdick
Robert and Joan Fox
Karen T Runge
Bill and Karleen Liedtke
Anonymous
Michael and Diane Tracy
Ray and Joanne Solofra
Dianne P. Luedtke
Barbara Weihsing
Heinfried and Janice Kolkman
Frank Kitzman
Patricia Peavy
Kathleen Shallow
Rich and Pam Manske
Laila Arndt
Gerry Babinec
Malcolm and Kathleen Wolff
Sandra Wiegman
Rachel DiGiorgio
Rachel DiGiorgio
Gail and Craig Maxwell
Terry and Carol Kveen

George, Alice, & George, Jr Gallepp
Indiana Rose Lendowski
Stephan & Kyleigh Schulz
Raymond A Koeppe
Ellen Devlin
Granddaughter - Melissa Fox
Kathleen Doud
Tammy Chase
Dean Fleming
Dean Fleming
Dean Fleming
My 3 grandmothers Olga, Emilie, & Louise
Dorothy (Weihing) Poe
Donald & Elaine Kyler
Austin Kitzman
Art Peavy and Mom & Dad Truckey
Jim Shallow
Laurell Nommensen
Paul Arndt
Don Babinec
Ed Klawien
Erna Zahn
Dan Maciejczak
Dan Pietruszynski
Craig Maxwell - "PaPa"
Doris & Albert Kveen

We Just Didn't Expect To Get Pregnant

Kenza and her husband brought their adorable toddler along to the appointment.

Amid their anxiousness they proved to be a friendly couple. As the advocate interviewed them, they both spoke freely. They echoed each other, stating, "We just didn't expect to get pregnant right now!"

Kenza revealed that pregnancy had been very difficult for her in the past. *Kenza's* husband expressed significant concern about his wife's health. He said that if it came down to *Kenza* or the preborn baby's safety, his wife took priority.

Your gift makes compassionate care like this available to Kenza and women like her.

Being able to process one's situation and concerns verbally can be powerful for most people.

During the ultrasound, the sonographer was able to alleviate some of their concerns.

The young couple told the advocate they were in the process of changing doctors. She helped them make an appointment with a supportive doctor for the following afternoon.

Your support provides these services and referrals to women and men who need education and support.

As they left, they expressed how thankful they were for all the help and resources they received. Instead of frowns of concern, they had smiles of relief.

Kenza reported back that the doctor visit was reassuring and optimistic.

The advocate has stayed in touch with the couple. Sometime later, *Kenza* received additional support for some pregnancy symptoms from one of our volunteer nurses.

Your contribution helps women like Kenza who need assistance, encouragement, and God's love.

Your donation ensures that when people come in for consultations and other services, they will always receive honesty, accurate information, and the love of Jesus.

Please send a gift in the enclosed envelope, and if you aren't yet, consider making it a monthly Friend of Life gift. Thank you!



Names have been changed and photos are for illustration only.